THE EVENING STAR.

IF MY HUSBAND WERE TO DO SO.

"Poor woman! What a thousand pities it is for her!" said Mrs. Grimes, with feeling; "I wonder how she stands it. If my husband were to do so, it would kill me."

"I could never stand it in the world," added Mrs. Pitts. "It is a dreadful situation for a woman to be placed in! Mr. Larkins used to be one of the best of men, and took the best possible care of his family. For ten years there was not a happier woman in the town than his wife, but now it makes one's heart ache to look at her. Oh! it must be one of the most heart-rending things in the world to have a drunken husband."

"Well, all I've got to say," spoke up Mrs. Peters, with warmth, "is, that I don't pity her much."

"Why, Mrs. Peters! How can you talk so?"

"Well, I don't. Any woman who will live with a drunken husband don't deserve pity. Why don't she leave him?"

"That is easier said than done, Mrs. Peters."

"I should think it a great deal easier to leave than to live with a drunken brute, and have my life tormented out of me. If my husband were to do so, I reckon he and I would part before 24 hours.

Now, Mrs. Peters' husband was a most excellent man, and a sober man withal; and his wife was tenderly attached to him. In regard to his ever becoming a drunkard, she had as little fear as of his running off and leaving her. Still, when she made this last remark, she looked toward him (for he was present) with a stern and significant expression on her countenance. This was not really meant for him; but for the imaginary individual she had supposed as bearing the relation toward her of a drunken husband.

"You would, would you?" Mr. Peters replied, to the warmly expressed resolution uttered by his wife.

"Yes, that I would!" half laughingly and half seriously retorted Mrs. Peters.

"You don't know what you are talking about," spoke Mrs. Grimes.

"Indeed, then, I do! I consider any woman a fool who will live with a drunken husband. For my part, I have not a spark of sympathy for the wives of drunkards—I mean those who live with the men who beggar and abuse them. Mere disgusting brutes—the very sight of whom ought to turn a woman's stomach."

"You were never placed in such a situation, and therefore are not competent to decide how far a woman who continues to live with a drunken husband is or is not to blame. For my part, I am inclined to think that, in most cases, to live with a husband under these circumstances is the least of two evils."

This was said by Mrs. Pitts.

"I think you are right there," resumed Mr. Peters. "A woman feels toward her own husband, the father of her children, and the man who in life's spring time won her best and purest affections, very differently from what she does towards another man. She knows all his good qualities, and remembers how tenderly he has loved her, and how he would still love her but for the mad infatuation from which he feels it impossible to break away. The hope that he will reform never leaves her. When she looks at her children, even though abused and neglected, she cannot but hope for their father, and this hope keeps her up."

"Any woman is a fool to feed herself up with such fancies. There is only one true remedy, and that is separation. That's what I'll do, and every woman of sense ought to do. Don't tell me about hope of reforming. It's all nonsense. You wouldn't catch me breaking my heart after that fashion for any man. Not I," said Mrs. Peters.

The more Mrs. Grimes, and Mrs. Pitts, and others present, argued their side of the question, the more pertinaciously did she maintain the position she had assumed, until Mr. Peters could not help feeling somewhat vexed and some little hurt, he being her husband, and the only one who could possibly hold the relation towards which all her indignation was directed, under the imagined possibility of his becoming a tippler.

After a while the subject was dropped, and at the close of the evening the friends separated and went to their homes.

It was, perhaps, two months from the period at which the conversation occurred, that Mr. Peters left his home early in the evening to attend a political meeting, politics at the time running high, and hard cider flowing as freely as water. He was in the habit of attending such meetings and, of partaking of his portion of the cider, and at times of something stronger; but as he was a sober man, and of strong good sense and firm principle, the thought of ever partaking too freely never crossed the mind of his wife.

Regular in his habits he was rarely out after ten o'clock on any occasion. But this time ten came; but he was still away. This was a circumstance so unusual that his wife could not help feeling a degree of uneasiness. She went to the door and listened for him after the clock struck eleven, and stood there for some time, expecting every moment to hear the sound of his feet steps in the distance. But she waited in vain, and at last re-entered the house with a troubled feeling.

At last the clock struck twelve, and almost at the same time she heard her husband at the door, endeavoring to open it with a latch key. In this he was not successful, for some cause; and thinking she might have turned the key, Mrs. Peters went quietly and opened the door for him. She found that she had locked it.

As she lifted the latch, the door was thrown suddenly against her, and her husband came staggering in. As he passed her he struck against the wall to keep from falling. Then all the tender emotions of her heart rushed freely into activity. It was her own husband that lay before her, overcome by the master spirit of strong drink.

With almost superhuman strength she raised him up; although a large man, and supported him with her arm until she got him up stairs, and laid him upon the bed. By this time he seemed perfectly stupid and only mumbled incoherent replies to the frequent and tender importunities of his wife.

After some time she got him undressed and in bed. But he grew more and more stupid every moment.

"Oh! what if he should die!" the poor wife moaned anxiously, while the tears that had at first gushed out, still continued to flow freely. She washed his face with cold water, and tried various means to arouse him from the lethargy of drunkenness. But all to no purpose.

At last, despairing of success, she laid down beside him, in tears, threw her arms around his neck, and put her face against his. She had lain that way for about five minutes when her husband called her name in a whisper.

Oh! how eagerly did she listen after her response to his call.

"*If my husband were to do so!*"

As he said this still in a whisper, but a very expressive one, he looked her steadily in the face, with a roguish twinkle in his eyes, a quivering of his lips, the muscles of which could with difficulty restrain from wreathing those expressive organs into a merry smile.

Mrs. Peters understood the whole scene in a moment, and boxed her husband's ears soundly on the spot for very joy, while he laughed until his sides ached almost as bad as his ears.

In her discussions upon the various unfortunate relations of man and wife, Mrs. Peters was very careful how she declared her course of action, were she placed under similar circumstances. If in any case she was led unthinkingly to do so, the remark of her husband, made with a peculiar inflection of the voice: "Oh, yes! if my husband were to do so"—had the happiest effect imaginable, and put an end to the unprofitable discussion.

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Headquarters Military District of Washington, Washington, D. C., February 16, 1864.

General Orders No. 3.—Col. T. Ingraham, 38th Massachusetts volunteers, is hereby detailed as Provost Marshal of the Military District of Washington. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By command of Brig. Gen. Martindale.
JOHN P. SHERBURNE,
fe16-tf Assistant Adjutant General.

Passes to Visit the Army of the Potomac.

1. Applications must be made at the office of Major Louis H. Pelouze, No. 203 F street, between 17th and 18th streets, between 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., except Sundays. Major Pelouze is authorised to sign the passes.

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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON DEPOT, Dec. 3, 1863.
SEALED PROPOSALS are invited by the undersigned for supplying the U. S. Quartermaster's Department, at Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Alexandria, and Fort Monroe, Va., or either of these places, with Hay, Corn, Oats and Straw.
Bids will be received for the delivery of 5,000 bushels of corn or oats and 50 tons of hay or straw, and upwards.
Bidders must state at which of the above-named points they propose to make deliveries, and the rates at which they will make deliveries the rest, the quantity of each article proposed to be delivered, the time when said deliveries shall be commenced, and when to be completed.
The price must be written out in words on the bids.
Corn to be put up in good stout sacks, of about two bushels each. Oats in like sacks of about three bushels each. The sacks to be furnished without extra charge to the Government. The hay and straw to be securely baled.
The particular kind or description of oats, corn, hay or straw proposed to be delivered must be stated in the proposals.
All the articles offered under the bids herein invited will be subject to a rigid inspections by the Government Inspector before being accepted.
Contracts will be awarded from time to time to the lowest responsible bidder, as the interest of the Government may require and payment will be made when the whole amount contracted for shall have been delivered and accepted.
The bidder will be required to accompany his proposal with a guaranty, signed by two responsible persons that in case his bid is accepted he or they will, within ten days thereafter, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to deliver the forage proposed in conformity with the terms of this advertisement; and in case the said bidder should fail to enter into the contract, they to make good the difference between the offer of said bidder and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.
The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of a U. S. District Attorney, Collector of Customs or any other officer under the United States Government or responsible person known to this office.
All bidders will be duly notified of the acceptance or rejection of their proposals.
The full name and P. O. address of each bidder must be legibly written in the proposal.
Proposals must be addressed to Brig. Gen. D. H. Rucker, Chief Depot Quartermaster, Washington, D. C., and should be plainly marked "Proposals for Forage."
Bonds in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, signed by the contractor and both of his guarantors, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders upon signing the contract.
Blank forms of bids, guarantees, and bonds may be obtained upon application at this office.

FORM OF PROPOSAL.
(Town, County and State)———
(Date)———
I, the subscriber, do hereby propose to furnish and deliver to the United States, at the Quartermaster's Department at ———, agreeably to the terms of your advertisement, inviting proposals for forage, dated Washington Depot, Dec. 3, 1863, the following articles, viz:
—— bushels of Corn, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 56 pounds
—— bushels of Oats, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 32 pounds
—— tons of baled Hay, at —— per ton of 2,000 pounds
—— tons of baled Straw, at —— per ton of 2,000 pounds.
Delivery to commence on or before the —— day of ——, 186 , and to be completed on or before the —— day of ——, 186 , and pledge myself to enter into a written contract with the United States, with good and approved securities within the space of ten days after being notified that my bid has been accepted. Your obedient servant.

Brigadier General D. H. RUCKER,
General Depot Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

GUARANTY.
We, the undersigned, residents of ———, in the County of ——— and State of ———, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guarantee in case the foregoing bid of ——— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of said bid, execute the contract for the same with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to furnish the forage proposed in conformity to the terms of advertisement dated December 3, 1863, under which the bid was made, and, in case the said ——— shall fail to enter into a contract as aforesaid, we guarantee to make good the difference between the offer of said ——— and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.
Witness,
Given under our hands and seals this ——— day of ———, 186 . [Seal.] [Seal.]
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient as sureties for the amount for which they offer to be security.
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To be certified by the United States District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other officer under the United States Government, or responsible person known to this office.
D. H. RUCKER,
de 9-tf Brig. Gen. and Q. M.

PROPOSALS FOR BRICK.
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
Depot of Washington, corner of 18th and G sts., Washington, D. C., Feb. 25, 1864.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until MONDAY, March 7, 1864, at 12 o'clock m., for the delivery at the Railroad Depot, or Government wharf, foot of G street in this city, the following amounts and kinds of good merchantable bricks, viz:
(100,000) one hundred thousand Hard Red Brick,
(100,000) one hundred thousand Arch Bricks,
(100,000) one hundred thousand Salmon Bricks.
Delivery of the whole amount contracted for to be made in (25) twenty-five days from the date of contract.
Bonds in a sum equal to half of the amount of the contract will be required of the successful bidder or bidders.
Bids received for the whole amount, or each kind of bricks.
The bricks contracted for will be subjected to a rigid inspection before being received.
Proposals must be plainly endorsed "Proposals for Bricks," and addressed to the undersigned.
D. H. RUCKER,
Brig. Gen. and Chief Quartermaster,
fe 26-td Depot of Washington.

PROPOSALS FOR CAVALRY HORSES.
WAR DEPARTMENT, CAVALRY BUREAU,
Office of Chief Quartermaster, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24, 1864.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 12 o'clock m., on MONDAY, March seventh, (7th,) 1864, for
THREE THOUSAND (3,000) CAVALRY HORSES, to be delivered at Montpelier, Vt., within fifty (50) days from date of contract.
ONE THOUSAND (1,000) CAVALRY HORSES, to be delivered in Washington, D. C., (Giesboro' Depot) within thirty (30) days from date of contract.
ONE THOUSAND (1,000) CAVALRY HORSES, to be delivered in Elmira, N. Y., within forty (40) days from date of contract.
Also sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., on THURSDAY, March tenth (10th,) 1864, for TWO THOUSAND (2,000) CAVALRY HORSES, to be delivered in Wheeling, West Virginia, within (30) days from date of contract.
Said horses to be sound in all particulars, not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) years old; from 14½ to 16 hands high; full fleshed, compactly built, bridle wise, and of size sufficient for cavalry purposes.
These specifications will be strictly adhered to and rigidly enforced in every particular.
No bid will be entertained unless accompanied by a guaranty of its faithful performance.
Should any United States officer guarantee the proposal of a bidder who should prove to be irresponsible, his name will be reported to the Secretary of War with a recommendation that such officer be dismissed the service.
Form of bid and guaranty can be had on application to Captain John W. McKim, A. Q. M., at Boston, Mass.; Capt. J. G. Farnsworth, A. Q. M., at Wheeling, Va., or at this office.
Successful bidders will be prepared to enter into written contracts, with good and sufficient security, immediately on the acceptance of their bids.
The oath of allegiance must accompany each bid.
The undersigned reserves the right to reject all bids deemed unreasonable.
No bid will be entertained for less than fifty horses.
Payment will be made on completion of contract, or as soon thereafter as funds may be received.
Proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for Cavalry Horses," and addressed to Lieut. Col. James A. Ekin, Chief Quartermaster, Cavalry Bureau, Washington, D. C.
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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR LIME.
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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until FRIDAY, March 4, 1864, at 12 o'clock, for Ten Thousand (10,000) Bushels of good merchantable Unslaked Lime. The whole amount to be delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of contract at such points in the city of Washington as the Depot Quartermaster may direct. The Lime to weigh not less than eighty (80) lbs. to the bushel.
The amount offered by the successful bidders will be subject to a rigid inspection by an inspector appointed by the Government before being accepted.
PROPOSALS.
The price must be written out in words on the bid, as must also the full name and post office address of the bidder.
Proposals from disloyal parties will not be considered and an oath of allegiance must accompany each proposition.
Proposals must be addressed to Brig. Gen. D. H. Rucker, Chief Quartermaster, Depot of Washington, Washington, D. C., and should be plainly marked "Proposals for Lime."
GUARANTEE.
The bidder will be required to accompany his proposition with a guarantee, signed by two responsible persons, that, in case his bid is accepted, he will at once execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to deliver the articles proposed in conformity with the terms of this advertisement; and in case the said bidder should fail to enter into the contract, they to make good the difference between the offer of said bidder and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.
The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of the Clerk of the nearest District Court or of the United States District Attorney.
Bonds in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, signed by the contractor and both of his guarantors, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders upon signing the contract.
FORM OF GUARANTEE.
We, the undersigned residents of ———, in the county of ———, and State of ———, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guarantee in case the foregoing bid of ——— be accepted, that he or they will at once execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to furnish the articles proposed in conformity to the terms of the advertisement dated February 13, 1864, under which the bid was made, and in case the said ——— shall fail to enter into a contract as aforesaid, we guarantee to make good the difference between the offer of the said ——— and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.
Witness: } Given under our hands and seals this ——— day of ———, 186 . [Seal.] [Seal.]
To this guarantee must be appended the official certificate above mentioned.
The right to reject any or all bids that may be deemed too high is reserved by the Depot Quartermaster, as well as the right to select from each bid such quantities at the prices therein named, as is required by the Government.
D. H. RUCKER,
Brig. Gen. and Chief Quartermaster,
fe 13 td Depot of Washington.

ORDNANCE OFFICE,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, Feb. 23, 1864.
PROPOSALS will be received by this Department until TUESDAY, March 15, at 4 p. m., for the delivery at the following Arsenals, of HORSE EQUIPMENTS, United States Cavalry pattern, as hereinafter specified:
At the New York Arsenal, 8,000 sets,
At the Frankford Arsenal, 5,000 sets,
At the Alleghany Arsenal, 6,000 sets,
At the Cincinnati Depot, 3,000 sets,
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These sets of Horse Equipments are to be furnished complete, except the horse brush, curry comb, lariat, picket pin link and blanket. The curb and watering bits the malleable iron hardware, and stirrups, are to conform strictly in pattern and finish to those deposited at the Arsenals above named. The trees are to be of the regulation pattern, assorted sizes—not less than 3½ inches between the bars on the inside of the pommel, the side bars of white wood, the pommels and cantles of beech, well put together; all the irons one-tenth of an inch thick, and all left into the wood; to be covered with the best slaughtered cow hide; all other covering to be rejected. The trees are to be subject to inspection during all stages of the manufacture, but the equipments will be inspected at the Arsenals where delivered.
Deliveries must be made in lots of not less than fifty sets per week for all contracts of 500 sets or under; one hundred sets per week for all contracts from 500 up to 1,000 sets; two hundred sets per week for all contracts of from 1,000 to 2,000 sets; and five hundred sets per week for all contracts of from 2,000 to 5,000 sets. The first delivery to be made on the 2d day of April, 1864.
Failure to make deliveries at a specified time will subject the contractor to a forfeiture of the number he may fail to deliver at that time.
No bids will be considered from parties other than regular manufacturers, and such as are known to this Department to be fully competent to execute in their own shops the work proposed for.
Bidders will enclose with their bids the written acknowledgment of their sureties, over their own signatures.
Each party obtaining a contract will be obliged to enter into bonds, with approved sureties, for its faithful execution.
Upon the award being made, successful bidders will be notified, and furnished with forms of contract and bond.
The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids deemed unreasonable.
Bids received for the whole amount, or each kind of bridle.
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Proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for Cavalry Horses," and addressed to Lieut. Col. James A. Ekin, Chief Quartermaster, Cavalry Bureau, Washington, D. C.
Any further information will be promptly given on application to JAS. A. EKIN,
fe 24 td Lt. Col. and Chief Q. M., Cavalry Bureau.

ORDNANCE OFFICE,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 23, 1864.
PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until MONDAY, March 14th, at 4 p. m., for the delivery at the New York Arsenal of 30,000 Light Cavalry Sabres, United States regulation pattern.
These Sabres are to be made in strict accordance with the standard patterns to be seen at the New York Arsenal.
They are to be subject to the usual inspection and proof, and are to be inspected at the armory where made.
Deliveries must be made in lots not less than 500 Sabres per week, for all contracts of 6,000 Sabres, or under; 1,000 Sabres per week for all contracts of from 6,000 up to 12,000 Sabres; 1,500 Sabres per week for all contracts of above 12,000 Sabres; the first delivery to be made on the 4th day of April, 1864. Failure to deliver at a specified time will subject the contractor to a forfeiture of the number he may fail to deliver at that time.
No bids will be considerd from parties other than regular manufacturers of Sabres, and such as are known to this Department to be fully competent to execute in their own workshops the work proposed for.
Bidders will enclose with their bids the written acknowledgment of their sureties, over their own signature.
Each party obtaining a contract will be required to enter into bonds, with approved sureties, for its faithful execution.
Upon award being made, successful bidders will be notified, and furnished with forms of contract, and bond.
The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids if not deemed satisfactory.
Proposals will be addressed to "Brigadier General George D. Ramsay, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.," and will be endorsed "Proposals for Cavalry Sabres." GEO. D. RAMSAY,
fe25 eo9t Brig. Gen., Chief of Ordnance.

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